

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT Chattanooga Tennessee

Darion C. Merriweather )

\_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ )  
(Enter above the NAME of the  
plaintiff in this action.) )

v. )

State of Tennessee )

Hamilton County )

Criminal Court Div II )

(Enter above the NAME of each  
defendant in this action.) )

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Clerk, U. S. District Court  
Eastern District of Tennessee  
At Chattanooga

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COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS  
(42 U.S.C. Section 1983)

I. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS

- A. Have you begun other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action or otherwise relating to your imprisonment? YES ( ) NO ( ☒ )
- B. If your answer to A is YES, describe the lawsuit in the space below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another piece of paper, using the same outline.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit:

Plaintiffs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Defendants: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. COURT: (If federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county):  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. DOCKET NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of Judge to whom case was assigned: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Disposition: (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Approximate date of disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

II. PLACE OF PRESENT CONFINEMENT: Hamilton County Jail

- A. Is there a prisoner grievance procedure in this institution? YES ( ) NO (☒)
- B. Did you present the facts relating to your complaint in the prisoner grievance procedure? YES ( ) NO (☒)
- C. If your answer is YES,
1. What steps did you take? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the result? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. If your answer to B is NO, explain why not. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. If there is no prison grievance procedure in the institution, did you complain to the prison authorities? YES ( ) NO ( )
- F. If your answer is YES,
1. What steps did you take? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What was the result? \_\_\_\_\_

### III. PARTIES

(In item A below, please your name in the first blank and place your present address in the second blank. Do the same for any additional plaintiffs.)

A. Name of plaintiff: Darton C. Merriweather  
Present address: 7609 Blankfer Gap Rd 37421  
Permanent home address: 1959 C Mclemore Ave 38114  
Address of nearest relative: N/A

(In item B below, place the FULL NAME of the defendant in the first blank, his official position in the second blank, and his place of employment in the third blank. Use item C for the additional names, positions, and places of employment of any additional defendants.)

B. Defendant: State of Tennessee (Hamilton  
Official position: County Criminal Court Div II  
Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Additional defendants: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### IV. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

(State here as briefly as possible the FACTS of your case. Describe how EACH defendant is involved. Include also the names of other persons involved, dates and places. DO NOT give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheets, if necessary.)

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Due Process Violations

unreliable identifications which  
are based upon impermissible  
suggestive photographic

depriving Me of effective  
counsel

Judge Making false statements  
in side open court &  
not allowing Petitioner Copies  
of Court transcripts

Moving Court dated so  
I can miss deadlines to  
file motions

Not allowing Me to Fire My  
counsel even after I let  
her know he is filing  
motions and we have not  
went over discovery and  
Cruel and unusual Punishments  
inflicted

V. RELIEF

(State BRIEFLY exactly what you want this Court to do for you. Make NO legal arguments.

Cite NO cases or statutes.)

My Freedom and 2,000\$<sup>#</sup> for  
everyday I've had to sit  
in here

I (We) hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the above complaint is true to the best of my (our) information, knowledge and belief.

Signed this Dorian C. Merriweather day of June 7, 2024.

Dorian Merriweather  
Signature of plaintiff(s)

### Sample "Certificate of Service"

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the following persons:

(Here you should list the attorneys or parties and their addresses to who you sent a copy of the pleading.)

Example:

1. Mr. John Smith  
Attorney  
Street Address or Post Office Box  
City, State, Zip Code
2. Ms. Ann Jones  
Street Address or Post Office Box  
City, State, Zip Code

by depositing same in the United States mail this 7 day of June, 200~~9~~<sub>24</sub>.

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Jones, Pro Se Plaintiff  
Street Address  
City, State, Zip Code  
Telephone Number

This 7 day of June, 2009.

CERTIFICATE

TO BE COMPLETED BY AN AUTHORIZED  
CUSTODIAN OF INMATE ACCOUNTS

I certify that the applicant herein has the sum of \$ 0 on account to his/her credit  
at the Hamilton Co. Jail (institution where the  
applicant is currently incarcerated). I further certify that the average balance in the applicant's  
trust fund account during the last six months was \$ 0. A copy of the applicant's  
trust fund account (or an institutional equivalent) for the last six months is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
7 day of June, 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires 6/21/2026.



